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Says Final Tunisia Battle Will Be Hard but Not Long

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

With Rommel and his battered but still dangerous army finally corralled behind the strong outer defenses of the great circle of hills which shield the last Axis stand about Tunis and Bizerte, we have the makings of one of the bloodiest battles of the war.

All the visible elements of a fierce struggle are present. However, there's one invisible factor which may or may not be lacking the will on the part of the Axis forces to fight to a finish. That's what the impending conflict means — death or surrender — for there is little hope for the escape of any great number of the Rommels by sea or air.

The early indications are that Hitler has ordered Rommel to make a stand. The Nazi propaganda department seems to be preparing the folk at home to see their boys sacrificed on the altar of the fuhrer's paranoic ambition to conquer the world. They are told that there will be no Dunkerque — no attempt to remove the troops by sea.

Well and good, but who guarantees that the 200,000 (more or less) Axis troops will stand up to any such order. The feeling isn't good between the Italians and the Germans, and the Duce's men are especially sort of being made the goats for rear guard defense jobs recently.

Then we have this aspect: —Not long ago while abroad I was talking with one of the most famous of the Allied generals, and he said to me:

"The Germans are fine soldiers, but there is a time, I believe, when they crack up."

Now we have no reason to say that a German soldier wouldn't defend his home and hearth to the death, or that he is not brave. During the last war I encountered instances of mass "suicide" of German troops under orders. However, Tunisia isn't the fatherland or yet Italy. Many unprejudiced military experts hold that the German cracks when he reaches the point where he can see that there's no hope of holding out.

The chances are there will be a terrific battle and we must be prepared for heavy Allied casualties — until the Axis forces finally realize that there's no chance of their being evacuated. Then one would expect surrender, rather than light to a finish.

Nazi General Von Arnim, who has been in command in the Tunis-Bizerte area until Rommel raced in, has had long months in which to prepare strong defenses for the contingency which now has arrived. The chances are that he also has considerable military supplies

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK
National Stockyards, Ill., April 15 — (AP) — (U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 8,500; weights over 170 lbs. steady to 10 higher; lighter weights five to 10 higher; sows steady to strong; good and choice 160 - 200 lbs. 14.80 to 15.00; top 14.90; few medium to good kinds and heavier weights 14.75; 160 - 170 lbs. 14.40 - 75; 140 - 150 lbs. 13.90 - 14.50; 100 - 130 lbs. 12.85 - 13.75; sows 14.40 - 75; stags 14.60 down.

Cattle, 2,500; calves, 900; opening generally steady with Wednesday; good and choice steers 15.55 to 17.00; medium and good heifers and mixed earlings 13.50 - 15.50; common and medium cows 11.00 - 13.25; medium and good sausage bulls 12.50 - 13.50; a few beef bulls 13.75; vealers 25 higher; good and choice 15.25; medium and good 12.75 - 14.00; nominal range slaughter steers 11.00 - 17.00; slaughter heifers 11.00 - 16.25; stocker and feeder steers 11.00 - 15.25.

Sheep, 1,000; receipt include two double and one deck of clipped lambs; one load mixed; no early action.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Chicago, April 15 (AP) Grain future moved within a narrow range today in the absence of any important news. Trading was dull.

In the cash corn market, however, another day of heavy trading was in progress in reflection of higher OPA ceilings. Demand from the east and southeast was heavy and about 500,000 bushels were sold for shipment to those areas. Most sales were at new maximums.

Wheat closed 7-8 1/4 cent lower, May \$1.42 1/2, July \$1.41 3/8 - 1/2, corn was unchanged at ceilings. May \$1.01, oats dropped 12 - 7 1/8 and rye was off 78 - 1 3/8.

Cash wheat no sales.

Corn No. 1 yellow 1.07; No. 2, 1.06 1/2 - 1.07; No. 3, 1.05 1/2 - 1.06 1/2.

Oats sample grade mixed 64 3/4 - 1.01 - 1.02.

No. 1 white 68 - 68 1/4; No. 2, 67.

Barley malting 92 - 1.07 nom; feed 88 - 90 nom.

Soybeans No. 4 yellow 1.67 1/4 - 1.68; sample grade yellow 1.57 - 1.62 3/4.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE
Chicago, April 15 (AP) — Poultry, live; firm; 2 trucks; prices unchanged.

Butter, receipts 353,420; steady; prices as quoted by the Chicago price current are unchanged.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, April 15 (AP) — Cotton futures fluctuated nervously today as traders proceeded to adjust position in anticipation of the OPA announcement setting a ceiling price.

Late values were 75 cents a bale over to 20 higher, May 20.09, July 19.92 and Oct. 19.82.

Futures closed 55 cents a bale for the emergency.

Still, the Allies have great superiority not only in number of troops but in all categories of the fighting arms. We have ahead of us a hard job, but it shouldn't be a long one

Rationing Book No. 3 to Be Issued Soon

Washington, April 15 — (AP) — OPA officials disclosed today that ration book No. 3 will be issued soon, probably late in July, but will be used primarily for shoes, sugar and coffee because a book No. 1 runs out of stamps.

The No. 3 volume issue also may be used to provide a couple more months of canned goods and meat stamps, since it was designed to handle both point and unit system of rationing.

Officials said they had no intention of using the No. 3 book to ration any new commodities, but could make no promises because of the theoretical possibilities of special emergencies. Books 4, 5, and 6 are in the design stage, so No. 3 probably would not be needed for new rationing if any did become necessary.

Because of their plan to use No. 3 book only as a replacement, OPA also is trying to figure some easy way of distributing it, and odds today are that it will be handled by mail.

The new book already is printed and stored in warehouses at strategic places throughout the country. All that remain to be done is to send the books to the local ration boards to hand out or mail out.

The volume has two kinds of stamps. In one group of four series, one having pictures of tanks, another aircraft carrier, a third airplanes, and a fourth field artillery. These are likely to be used for shoes, sugar and coffee — the tank stamps for shoes, perhaps, as an example.

In addition the book has four pages of point stamps similar to the canned goods and meat stamp in book 2.

State Finishes Evidence in Welsh Murder

Kansas City, April 15 — (AP) — The mother of George W. Welsh, Jr., charged with the slaying of his sister and her youngest child came to his defense today at his murder trial.

Stopping three times to fight back tears and control her voice, Mrs. Marie Fleming Welsh told of the horror-stricken moment of finding the battered body of pretty 24-year-old Lelita Adele Welsh in her bedroom the morning of March 9, 1941.

Her voice broke as she told from the witness stand of her daughter's kid in the mother's bedroom shortly before the girl went to her own room where she was slain.

She choked, where she dropped to a whisper in the hushed courtroom in tellings of going to awaken the girl to accompany her to church.

Her 28-year-old son watched his mother from the defense table. She hesitated, fought back the tears, as she described placing her hand upon the slain girl, "knew something terrible had happened and ran screaming from the room to summon a neighbor."

It was a swiftly reached climax that brought Mrs. Welsh to the stand as the first defense witness. Judge Albert A. Ridge quickly overruled a defense demurrer to instruct the jury for acquittal.

Whitten-York Buys King Kash Frn. Co.

Whitten-York Furniture company has bought King Kash Furniture company, it was learned today, and both local stores will be operated for the present.

It is understood King Kash retained its accounts, which are payable at the King Kash store on Second street, of which T. C. Gamble is manager.

R. W. Davis is manager of the Whitten-York store on Division street.

W. D. Whitten heads the company. He also operates at Malvern, "As Whitten Furniture stores." His Hope partner, Basil York, is on leave of absence as a flying instructor for the Army at Pine Bluff.

Kansas City, April 15 (AP) — The state completed its evidence today against George W. Welsh, Jr., charged with the mutilation slaying of his sister, and the defense immediately called his mother to testify.

There was a stir in the courtroom as the mother, Mrs. Marie Welsh, was called to the witness stand. Only a few moments before Circuit Judge Albert A. Ridge had overruled a defense demurrer asking him to instruct the jury that "under the law and evidence your verdict should be not guilty."

The state's last witness, chief deputy Sheriff J. A. Purdome, testified the 28-year-old brother told him shortly after 24-year-old Lelita Adele Welsh's body was found in her bedroom March 9, 1941, that it had been a long time since he had been in the room.

Police previously had testified two sets of fingerprints less than 48 hours old had been discovered under the east bedroom window sill of the slain girl's room and they identified them as those of George.

When the state asked Purdome if he had talked to Welsh about the possibility that he killed his sister, defense attorneys jumped to their feet objecting. Judge Ridge sustained the objection.

67 to Be Relocated Near Sweet Home

Little Rock, April 15 (AP) — The Sweet Home stretch of U. S. highway 65 between here and Pine Bluff probably will be re-located after the war because of extensive Bauxite mining operations in the Sweet Home vicinity, Highway Director W. W. Mitchell said today.

Mitchell said draglines stripping the ore had worked up to each side of the road for several hundred feet from Sweet Home. The relocation probably will be included in the post-war highway program, he said.

Rainbow Division

Washington, April 15 — (AP) — The new Rainbow Division — officially the 42nd infantry division — will be reconstituted July 14 at Camp Gruber, Okla., Secretary of War Stimson announced today.

In command will be Brig. Gen. Harry J. Collins, a native of Chicago and graduate of the Western Military Academy at Alton, Ill., who has been assistant commander on the 99th division.

So nicknamed during the First World War because its troops came from all parts of the country, the re-activated Rainbow will have men from every state and the District of Columbia.

Little Damage

Little Rock, April 15 (AP) Farm extension service authorities said today they thought little damage would result from a frost reported in many sections of the state this morning.

The headquarters here asked for damage reports from the straw-berry areas.

The temperature dropped to 34 a Little Rock while Patesville reported a low of 30. The Fort Smith thermometer dipped to 38.

London police are not supposed to chew gum on duty. What do they do for a night stick?

A Wisconsin farmer reports one of his hens laid an egg with three yolks. At least it's no white lie.

Dark Future Seen for Cotton Business

Memphis, April 15 (AP) — Price ceilings on cotton will result in closure of the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges, the president of the National Cotton Council predicted last night, "and the merchants who buy and sell will practically be put out of business."

Oscar Johnson of Scott, Miss., made these forecasts after the Commercial Appeal's Washington Bureau reported that prices long on the staple have been set by OPA Director Prentiss Brown.

The paper said the ceilings were fixed temporarily at the highest prices at which cotton was traded within the past five days and hearings of the OPA to determine if these ceilings will be made permanent will open April 22.

Giraud Orders Purge for Cotton Business

Algiers, April 15 — (AP) — An authoritative source said today that Gen. Henri Giraud had ordered a purge of all pro-Axis and Vichy minded officers from the French army.

He said the French civil and military leader in North Africa had ordered commanders of the land, sea and air forces to report to him by May 1 the names of all officers who had shown a reluctance to fight on the Allied side because of their allegiance to Marshal Petain.

Officers who are considered unfit for duty will be returned to civilian life, said this source, whose name may not be used.

It was stated that it was not clear whether they then would be subject to conscription but this was considered unlikely in view of Giraud's declaration that the French army should be small but "high in quality."

New Park Head

Hot Springs, April 15 (AP) — John W. Emmert, former assistant superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, assumed the superintendency of Hot Springs National Park today succeeding Preston P. Patney, recently transferred to Chicago as finance officer of the park service.

Emmert has been in the National Park service since 1912. He was born at Hagerstown, Md.

Flashes of Life

By the Associated Press
Prison Breakout
Evansville, Ind. — Sorry but you can't get into the Vanderburgh county jail.

Health Officer E. A. King quarantined the bastille after a woman prisoner developed measles. Court trials and arrangements of prisoners were ordered discontinued — no one can get out, either.

Turnabout
New Orleans — Harry C. White has asked city court to award him \$38.50 for damages to his auto by a saddle horse that threw its rider and collided with the car on a lakefront highway.

White said the animal kicked off the tank cap and shattered rear window. Suit was brought against the owner of the horse.

Lit It By Little
Lakin, Kas. — "Thirteen billion dollars must be raised," read the next poster in the bank window.

Next morning Chairman C. A. Loucks of the count war bond sales committee found three pennies on the bank window sill.

With them was a note signed by three small boys:

"Leave these here. It is to raise the 13 billion dollars."

Share - The Wealth Dept.
Albuquerque, N. M. — Robert Norton shared his car with two pedestrians Monday night, he told the sheriff's office.

The pair overpowered him and took his A and B gasoline books.

Last night, he said, the thieves evidently discovered they needed a

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Deaths Last Night

By the Associated Press
Philadelphia, April 15 — (AP) — Jackson Churchill Welliver, 72, noted publicist and newspaperman, died last night. A native of Alcedo, Ill., he served on several newspapers, in 1920 was director of publicity for President Warren G. Harding's campaign, and since 1931 was director of public relations for the Sun Oil Company.

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Social Calendar

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Mrs. Mark M. Smyth and Mrs. Marion Buchanan will be hostesses at a social meeting at the Lilac Garden Club, 3 o'clock.

Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Eastern Star of Arkansas, Mrs. Nell Cash of Melvern, will make her official visit at the Masonic Temple, 8 p. m. All members are requested to attend.

Friday, April 16th
The Service class of the First Christian church will meet at the recreational rooms of the church for a social meeting, 8 o'clock. Mrs. Floyd Porterfield, teacher, urges all members to attend.

Monday, April 19th
Circle No. 1 of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church, home of Mrs. L. A. Foster, 3 o'clock.

Circle No. 3 of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church, home of Mrs. R. H. Barr, 3 o'clock.

Circle No. 4 of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church, the church, 7:30 o'clock.

Two P. T. A. Organizations Name New Officers
Brookwood P. T. A. held the final meeting of the school year at the school Wednesday afternoon with "Your Home as Your Fortress" as the subject of an address by Mrs. O. A. Graves, the guest speaker.

Mrs. S. E. McPherson, president, presided at the business period. The following new officers were introduced by Mrs. W. R. Herndon, chairman of the nominating committee:

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Monty Wooley
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Friday - Saturday

A MODERN GIRL CURSED BY AN ANCIENT LEGEND!
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KENT SMITH
JACK HOLT

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in the
Cheyenne
ROUNDUP
with
Johnny Mack BROWN
Tex Ritter
Fuzzy Knight

RIALTO
NOW
James Cagney
in
"Captain of the Clouds"
Also
William Tracey
in
"Fall In"
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Range Busters
in
"Rock River Renegades"
Also
MacDonald Casey
in
"Dr. Broadway"

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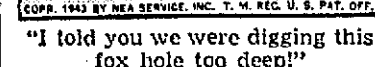
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"One lad was doing a war dance, a towel for a loin-cloth."

of our landing
and yet I know
said, "Two days
amazingly, there

another beat out appropriate rhythms on a tom-tom.
As the afternoon wore on, I saw Marines tying up the
packs. Men carrying armful of black-cased hand grenades hurried up and down companionways. On deck
working parties were breaking out artillery ammunition.

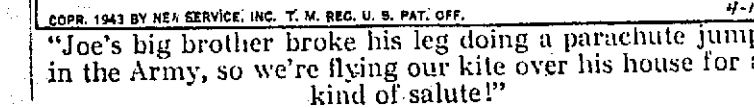
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at 4:30 A.M. We will reach our landing point at 5:
The Zero hour has not yet been set but it will be somewhere near 8:30.

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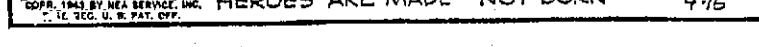
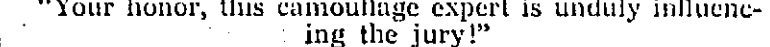
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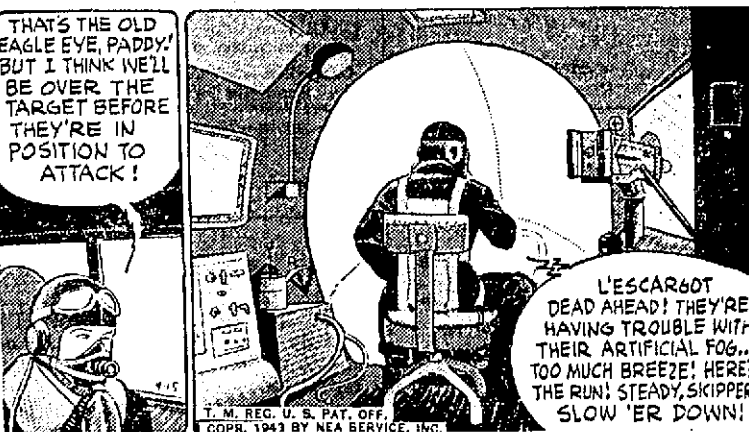


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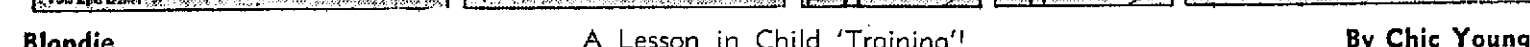
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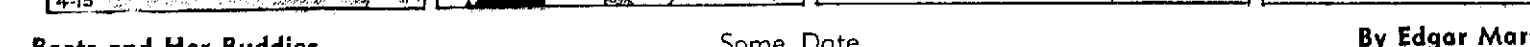
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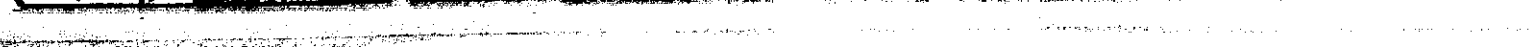
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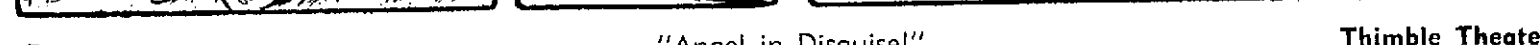
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Red Ryder

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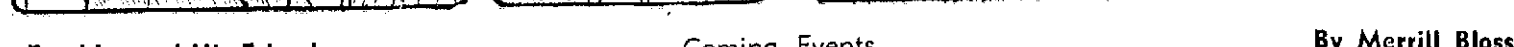
Thimble Theater



Alley Oop

Long Time No See

By V. T. Hamlin



Freckles and His Friends

Coming Events

By Merrill Blosser



Merchants, Clubs Behind Bond Drive

Rogers, April 15 (AP) — Rogers Jaycees are distributing booklets on gardening and will give prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 for the three best victory gardens. Forty have been entered and 100 are expected by May 1.

Camden — Merchants plan to start closing at 5 p. m. daily within a few weeks to encourage victory gardeners. An effort is being made to get special low water rates to stimulate gardening.

Melbourne — Melbourne high and grade schools and three ward schools will dismiss at noon to enable 500 pupils to help in gardens. Only five Izard county schools are open, about 60 having closed early to encourage gardening.

Fayetteville — To help the victory garden campaign, the city-owned water plant is donating 1,000 gallons a month to each customer during the gardening season.

Batesville — To push the victory garden campaign, school-owned land here has been plowed up, cut into 35 garden plots and rented at \$1.50 each for the season to families without backyard space for growing foodstuffs.

All plots have been rented and planted.

Count Agent Ben Lincoln said garden production would almost triple this year.

This week Batesville stores started closing on Wednesday afternoon and at 5 p. m. on other days to help gardeners. This will continue through the summer.

Forrest City — The young business men's club is campaigning to have business houses start their usual half-day holidays a month early this year, beginning in May, so downtown workers will have more time to hoe their victory gardens.

Two gardening classes for home-makers are held weekly.

Pine Bluff — To prevent damage to victory gardens, Pine Bluff police are redoubling their efforts to have livestock kept penned and have raised the ransom on impounded cattle from \$1 to \$3.

At the request of employees, the Arkansas Power and Light Co. general offices here are closing 30 minutes earlier to allow additional time for working victory gardens. About 50 per cent have "V" plots.

Dardanelle — Three victory garden classes for adults and out-of-school youths are being held here under the rural war training program. The Dardanelle school home economics department is in charge.

Mena — So employers and employees could work their victory gardens, virtually every store in Mena agreed to close at noon today and to suspend business every Wednesday afternoon during the summer. County and professional offices also closed.

A free gardening class is conducted each Monday night under Miss Elizabeth Cunningham, Mena home economics instructor, and former Vocational Agriculture Instructor John Faulkner.

Russellville — The Lions club is sponsoring a victory garden contest with a war bond as the prize.

Morrilton — The Kiwanis club with support of the chamber of commerce has obtained an agreement among merchants to close an hour earlier every day this summer so employers and employees and employees may work in their victory gardens.

Starting June 1 there will also be half-day holidays each Thursday afternoon.

Today in Congress

Senate — In recesses until Friday.

Foreign Relations subcommittee hears Senators Ball, Burton, Hatch and Hill on post war proposal.

Appropriations subcommittee hears plan to restore \$44,000,000 fund for Florida canal to war department bill.

House — Debates appropriations committee's restrictions of agricultural department activities.

Ways and Means committee continues study of measure renewing the administration's reciprocal authority.

Animals can sense an approaching rain and seek shelter in time, but humans wait until the storm strikes.

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Triple-Duty Outfit is Worn as Coat Over Warm Weather Frocks, as Dress Later On



(Coats from Lord and Taylor, New York)

Ready to meet her beau and join the Easter parade, she wears one of this year's favorite dressmaker coats of soft blue Forstmann wool. Soft gathers at the shoulders and waistline, plus a stitched looped design and huge metal buttons, give it a very feminine look.

By ROSELLEN CALLAHAN
NEA Staff Writer

It's a banner year for spring coats, especially for the boxy toppers and raglan sleeve casuals. Their easy cut provides plenty of room for you to wear them over suits, as well as over dresses, their styling is so simple that they can go anywhere at any time of day and their fabrics are year-round favorites.

Though there'll be plenty of brief coats in bright colors dotting the

most significant silhouette to be seen is the coat-dress. Here is a style which will fit in perfectly with your plan to buy a basic year-round wardrobe, for it may be worn both as a coat over sheers and prints now, and as a dress in the fall and winter.

And the soft dressmaker coats, with beautiful detailing and buttons, will share the limelight this spring with last winter's style scoop of the season—the Chesterfield.

For year-round service the 1943 coat-dress is tops. This side-draped model in navy blue wool, trimmed with huge pearl buttons and touches of white pique, may be worn now as a coat over sheers and prints, and later in the year as a dress under a coat.



Trapunto work gives this boxy topper of hickory brown Forstmann wool an important look. It's a perfect casual coat for over soft suits and prints.

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Washington Says U. S. on the Offensive

Washington, April 15 — (AP) — Japanese operations in the Pacific, military authorities here believe, have passed from the defensive stage to one of "aggressive defense."

Despite reports of increased enemy air activity, these authorities said today, there is little danger that the Japanese will attempt to strike against Australia or any other important United Nations bastion.

These experts said they were reasonably confident the main concern of the Tokyo warlords now, with forces much weaker than a year ago, is to hold and develop the Netherlands East Indies, Malaya and other rich lands already conquered.

At the same time, these authorities who declined use of their names, held forth little promise of early Allied offensives against the Japanese on a major scale, explaining the United States is committed to such large scale operations in the European theater that any comparable undertaking in the Pacific zone would overtax its strength, especially in shipping.

This does not rule out heavy naval and air blows this spring or summer — blows for which both Army and Navy have been marshaling and organizing their forces for several months. But it would seem to eliminate for the time being any likelihood of decisive actions taken on American initiative.

Inquiries prompted by recent apprehensive statements from Australia about the massing of Japanese ground and air units in the Southwest Pacific brought this general summary of the Pacific situation from highly placed spokesmen.

The monsoon season is at hand in Burma and with its beginning all important fighting ceases. General Sir Archibald Wavell's Burma campaign has made little progress and when the rain ends next fall Wavell's troops probably will be back about where they started from, near the Burmese border of India. Not being under pressure in Burma, the Japanese almost certainly will shift some air units from there into their island are opposite Northern Australia. There already has been a marked

increase in enemy air strength in the South Pacific, as evidenced by the recent 100-plane raid on American positions in New Guinea and the 30 plane assault on Guadalcanal, but it is significant for the future that in both attacks the Japanese were outclassed if not outnumbered and lost much more heavily than our forces.

The main enemy plane concentrations are in the Northwestern Solomons, Western New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago, Timor and Ambonia. These advance bases are linked to reinforcement bases in the rear by small intermediate flying fields which enable the Japanese to switch their air power quickly from one place to another.

The air field system receives pressure on their shipping. This is of inestimable value to them since shipping is the weakest link in their military chain.

The shipping weakness is matched to some extent by weakness in airpower. Belief in responsible quarters here is that despite their best effort at replacement, the Japanese now have a force numerically inferior to that with which they started the war. Certainly only a fraction of their aircraft carrier fleet is left where as the comparable United States force is being steadily built up.

Intermittent nature of the enemy's heavy attacks on such forward American positions as those in Guadalcanal and New Guinea. The Japanese are unable to maintain raids of destruction size and can make them only after accumulating sufficient planes for the

Son Indicted

Magnolia, April 15 (AP) — The Columbia County Grand Jury indicted Marvin Martin, 24, yesterday, for first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of his father, Fred Martin, March 30. The father and son were associated in the operation of a Waldo cafe.

purpose. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, on the other hand, is reported here to have in Australia now a greater air force than ever before and to be assured of a steady flow of replacements and reinforcements.

MacArthur declared in Australia Wednesday that "the first line of Australian defense is our bomber line," and that the range of the bombers marks the "stretch of no man's sea which is the measure of our safety."

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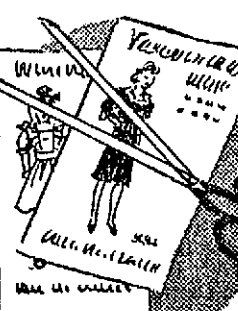
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Peas Should Be Harvested as Soon as Pods Become Plump

Peas are high in sugar content which rapidly turns to starch, losing sweetness, when they are picked; so that only home gardeners who may serve them an hour or so after harvesting can enjoy their full delicious flavor.

They give a relatively small yield for the space they occupy, but give it quickly, and may be pulled up to make room for other crops. Though hardy, and withstanding light frosts, the seeds of the wrinkled varieties, which are sweetest, will rot in cold wet soil; so they should not be sown until a week or two after the first crops are put in, when the season has become more settled.

Sow peas two inches deep and not closer than two inches apart in a single row; double rows, six inches apart, with brush or low fencing set between the rows for the vines to climb, are sometimes used. This arrangement requires weed pulling by hand between the rows. Even dwarf varieties appreciate something to climb, and the

Fred C. Whitecar

Philadelphia, April 5 — (AP) — Fred C. Whitecar, 62, assistant financial editor and former city editor of the Philadelphia Enquirer, died last night. He was born in Philadelphia.

The oldest known standard of length, the cubit, was the distance between a man's elbow and the tip of his middle finger.

Yankees Still Considered the Team to Beat

By ORLO ROBERTSTO

New York, April 15 — (AP) — The New York Yankees lost three-fourths of their infield, the best part of their outfield and the dean of their pitching staff to Uncle Sam but they're still the team to beat for the American League pennant in the opinion of the sports scribes.

Fully realizing the war might change the complexion of any team or teams on very short notice, 56 of the 4 writers participating in the Associated Press' annual survey named the Yank to top the junior circuit for the third straight year. And not one of them placed the champs lower than fourth as they polled 369 votes on the basis of eight for first, seven for second, six for third and etc.

But after voting the Yankees the team mostly likely to succeed, the writers became widely separated except in the opinion that Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics would land in the cellar.

With five of the scribes naming them for first place, the St. Louis Browns received ballots for every position except seventh and eighth to nose out the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox for second place. The Browns polled 437 votes to take the runnerup position, one notch above the spot in which they finished in the pennant race last season.

The Indians and Red Sox each received six first place votes but the Tribe showed a little more strength in the second and third place ballots. As a result, they finished third with 418 votes to the Red Sox' 394.

Cleveland was mentioned for every position except last as were the Detroit Tigers, who with one first place vote, finished fifth with 331 tallies. The sixth slot went to the Chicago White Sox and seventh to the Washington Senators, who received consideration for all positions except the top rung.

Major Teams Get Ready for First Games

By the Associated Press

Pirates, Tigers Open Series
Muncie, Ind. Prepared for today's opening contest of a five game series with the doughty Detroit jungle cats, Manager Frankie Frisch of the Pittsburgh Pirates announced he plans to use Rip Sewell, Hank Gornicki, Wally Hebert and Johnny Lanning in turn against the Chicago Cubs in the league opening series next week.

Delay in Brown, Card Series

St. Louis — The annual city series, originally set for seven games, has been cut to six, apparently, by the weather. For the second consecutive day the Browns and Cardinals failed to get together yesterday. The Cards refused to play the Browns' suggestion of a double header next Sunday. Rookies Gerstie Munger and Fred Sanford were slated for mound duty for the Cards and Browns, respectively, today.

Griffith Predicts Good Season

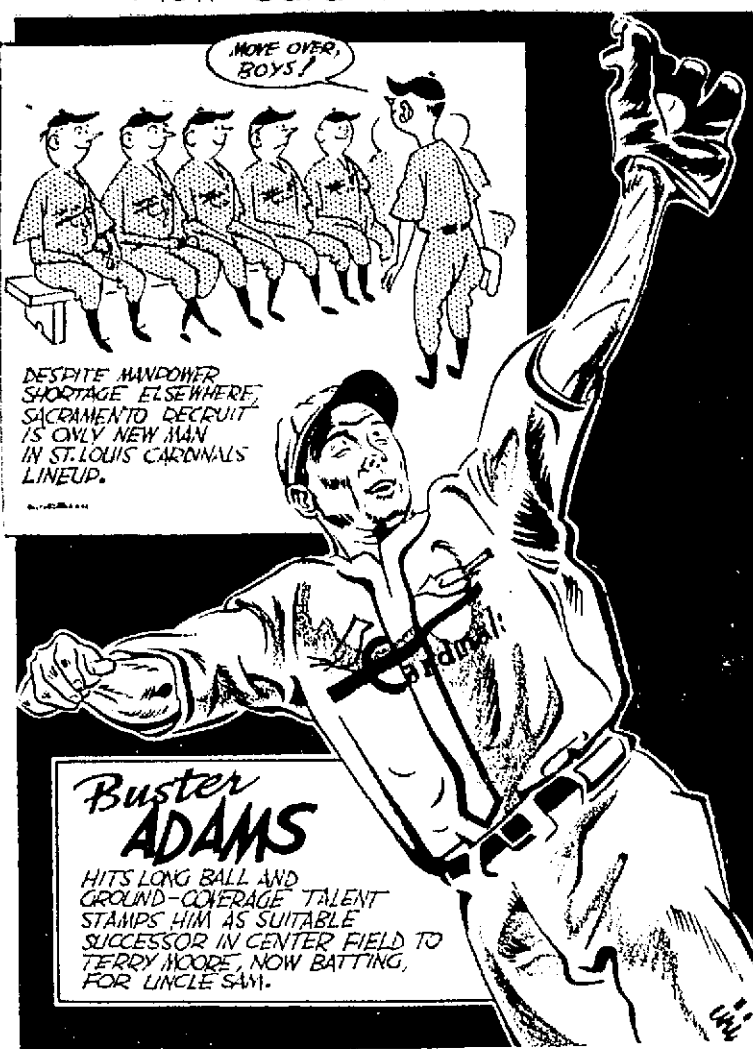
Washington — The Senators swing to the north today on a four game jaunt which may give some advance information as to whether owner Clark Griffith is a baseball prognosticator — or a politician. They play the Phils, the Newark Bears and the New York Giants twice. Griffith told the Washington Board of Trade yesterday that the Nats, who finished seventh last year, were in for a more successful season this year. Replied Maryland's Senator Tydings:

"When Mr. Griffith promises a better ball team, he sounds like one of us politicians. When a politician gets in a tough spot, like Mr. Griffith, he makes promises to better things."

Dodgers to Face Montreal

Brooklyn — The Dodgers, with the Metropolitan "Championship" safely stowed away as a result of their victories over the Giants and Yankees yesterday, entertain their farm cousins, the Montreal Royals, at Ebbets Field today.

'New Card in Old Deck'



Mix Work, Fun For Balanced Day



MARJORIE CREWS: she relaxes.

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

There is so much to be done these days, and so little time in which to do it, that many women are giving up small pleasures.

"Sacrificing a few good times to do a better job is really commendable, but don't overdo it," warns Marjorie Anne Crews, a medical student who averages a 16-hour day of study. "You must take time to relax, keep well-groomed and have fun."

And Marjorie practices what she preaches. If she has to work late at night, she comes home to relax a half-hour before joining friends for dinner. Then she goes on back to the laboratory.

Antiseptics are hard on her hands, so while she is massaging them with cream and applying a new coat of camo-pink polish to her nails, she'll tune in her favorite symphony, and the time is doubly well spent.

Weekends she puts aside all work if possible, sleeps 10 hours each night, takes brisk walks and goes dancing. Result: Balanced living and a happy girl.

Fights Last Night

Elizabeth, N. J., Al Guido, 130, New York, outpointed Freddy Hermann, 126, Elizabeth, (8).

The columbine is the state flower of Colorado.

Three Southern Teams Beaten by Amateurs

By Rex Thomas

Atlanta, April 15 — (AP) — That pinkish tinge you see is the glow emanating from the embarrassed countenances of three Southern Association baseball clubs.

Three of the league's stalwarts bowed in defeat to amateur teams yesterday. One of them for the second game in a row and another for the second time in four starts.

The Birmingham Barons, beaten twice in their four games, suffered their latest loss with the University of Alabama but the disconcerting score of 8 to 1. The conqueror of Johnny Riddle's Barons was Ollie Mathis, big right-handed junior college transfer who gave up only four hits in the full nine innings he worked.

Nashville looked to the acquisition of another pitcher and a catcher to bolster its prestige after Camp Wheeler's Spokes humbled it 16 - 9 yesterday. It was the soldiers' second consecutive win over Larry Gilbert's pros. Gilbert breathed easier as Pitcher Bob (Dutch) McCall returned from the Chicago Cubs on option. Gilbert announced earlier that Eddie Fernandez, a catcher, had been purchased from the Los Angeles Angels.

The third casualty of the day was Atlanta, which lost a 10 - inning contest to the Fort Benning infantry school, 5 - 4.

Although New Orleans managed to put over a 4-1 win at the expense of the Camp Shelby, Miss., team Tuesday, Manager Ray Blades was dissatisfied with his Pelican hitting, and yesterday sent them through a long batting drill.

A great first baseman — if he can be located — was in prospect for the Chattanooga Lookouts. Bill Prout, who showed flashes of brilliance with Richmond last year, missed out on his chance to play with the Washington Senators Chat-

FBI Joins Hunt for Missing Girl in Murder

Calico Rock, Ark., April 15 (AP) — Sheriff J. A. Rodman announced today that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had taken up the hunt for pretty Mary Durant, 21, charged with first degree murder of her step - father, Charles Durant, 43, whose body was found in a shallow grave at their former home here two weeks ago.

Rodman returned this morning from Michigan where he failed in an effort to extradite Durant's widow, Mrs. Annanda Rose Durant, who also is charged with murder in the case. The sheriff said he was unable to comply with a Michigan law requiring that he prove Mrs. Durant was in Arkansas when the murder was committed.

Exact date of Durant's death is unknown. The man disappeared about Dec. 1 and officers have proceeded on the theory that he was killed at that time. Mrs. Durant had left Calico Rock several weeks before her husband disappeared. Mary Durant left here about mid-December and has not been reported since.

Rodman said Mrs. Durant denied any knowledge of her daughter's whereabouts.

The sheriff said an FBI agent was entering the case under the federal law making flight from one state to another to escape prosecution for murder a federal violation.

Fats and oils are an indispensable part of the human diet.

Chattanooga President Joe Engel was informed, and has been allotted to the Lookouts. Prout left San Diego a month ago and has not reported since. Meanwhile, the club signed J. D. Langlye, former University of Chattanooga athlete.

Memphis' Doc Prothro continued efforts to land a catcher, an infielder and outfielder in time for Sunday's exhibition game with Little Rock.

Knoxville devoted its practice session yesterday to limbering up exercises.

'Daily Care' Is No. 1 Hair Rule Of America's New No. 1 Blond

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

Screen star Janet Blair, named America's "Number One Blond" by International Beauty Show, is the first of three winners—blond, redhead and brunet—to tell you how to keep hair healthy and lustrous.

"Constant care, though it may not amount to more than 15 minutes a day, is the only way to keep your hair healthy," says Janet Blair, of the lovely, lustrous prize-winning hair.

"I speak from sad experience," she continued. "Last year while on tour, there was so little time to take proper care of my hair, it became dull and thin. And I had only three weeks to do something about it before starting my new picture."

Every day Janet brushed it briskly for five minutes, then massaged warm oil into her scalp until it tingled. With a big bath towel pinned in tent fashion over her head, she would steam her hair over a basin of hot water until the oil penetrated to the roots of her hair. Then she would shampoo and set it herself.

"I can highly recommend this treatment," says Janet "for in three weeks my hair was back to normal."



JANET BLAIR: pin curl user.

No Interruption in Normal Cotton Trade

Washington, April 15 (AP) — OPA said in a statement today no announcement regarding cotton ceiling prices "will be made during the course of trading in the cotton market in order that there be no interruption of normal trading."

The statement was issued, apparently, to counter reports that a sudden announcement of government control on cotton price might be made today.

Price Administrator Prentiss Brown said last week that under President Roosevelt's "hold the line" order, he was preparing controls on cotton, and the principal question of the last few days has been the date and form of the anticipated order.

The OPA statement left open the possibility of some announcement is made, it will be after the close of the market.

The announcement was confined to two sentences.

Conference between the war food administration on details were understood to be holding up the order.

Three live babies were born every minute in 1942 in the U.S. Governors' salaries range from \$3,000 to \$25,000 a year.

Tom Harmon Missing in Latin America

By PAUL CHANDLER

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 15 (AP) — A Mom and a Dad and a campusful of shocked students waited tensely today for a scrap of news that would say Tom Harmon is safe.

Lieut. Thomas Dudley Harmon, one of the great football players of all time, is missing in the Latin-American area. The War Department informed his parents of this — with no further detail — in a brief telegram last night.

Stricken first with grief, his parents then swallowed the news and insisted immediately Tom was not dead, that "old 98" had not scored its last touchdown.

Harmon, 23, an all-American at Michigan in 1939 and 1940 and a gridiron star since his high school freshman days, left the continental United States two weeks ago in a bomber inscribed with his family's jersey number — 98. "Old 98 Little Butch," he called the plane. From the Caribbean area, he wrote his parents April 4. The War department said he had been missing since April 8.

"We're praying," said his father, Louis A. Harmon, "Tom is strong and knows how to take care of himself."

Tom was the best-known football player in University of Michigan history. He scored 237 points in three years of college competition, more than any other player, and his 53 touchdowns were two more than the 51 made by Illinois' famed Red Grange.

Harmon entered the United States Army Air Forces a year ago and was made a pilot and a second lieutenant at Williams Field, Ariz., Oct. 30, 1942.

Arkansas Boy Wins Fight in California

Oakland, Calif., April 15 — (AP) — Jackie Byrd, rough, tough welterweight from Blytheville, Ark., scored a convincing 10-round decision over Terry Gibson, flashy young Los Angeles Negro, in the main event of the boxing program at the Oakland Auditorium last night.

Byrd weighed 148 pounds, and Gibson, 145.

The boy from Arkansas combined superior experience and crowding tactics to win nine of the rounds from the speedy Negro. Byrd slowed up Gibson with left hooks to the body, and kept continually on top of his rival with a two-fisted attack. Gibson fought only in spurts and his usually sharp left jab was ineffective.

The first round was fairly even with Byrd taking the rest of varying margins. There were no knockdowns. Gates receipts were \$2,728.

Sports Mirror

Today A Year Ago — Warren Wright's Sun Again, derby candidate, beat Stable Mate Whiraway, in six-furlong, Sisquicentennial handicap.

Three Years Ago — Cleveland Indians sold pitcher Johnny Broaca to Jersey City.

Five Years Ago — Avery Budge, to return from I. O. C. meeting in Cairo, disclosed modified olympic to be held elsewhere in 1940 if Tokyo abandoned games.

German Radio Says Schmeling in Hospital

By the Associated Press
The Berlin radio said today Max Schmeling, former heavyweight boxing champion, still is receiving treatment for wounds he received as a parachute trooper in Crete in 1941. It said he was in Berlin. The broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.

Better Pastures Mean More Milk and Beef for Nation



Better pastures mean more milk and beef for our nation. "It is just as essential to mow pastures twice each year as to cultivate a field of corn," said Mr. Riley Lewallen, Supervisor of the Terre Rouge-Budcaw Soil Conservation District. "Mr. Lewallen also stated that mowing pastures twice each growing season would increase the value of grazing at least fifty per cent."

Pastures lose fifty to seventy-five per cent of their value when weeds and bushes are allowed to remain on the ground unmowed through the summer months. Weeds and bushes have a deeper root system than most pasture grass; therefore, when allowed to remain on the pasture, moisture from the deeper soils and subsoils is used by the weeds and bushes before it reaches the grass root system. So during rainy seasons all pastures are generally good and better, but as soon as a week or two passes without rain the pastures covered by weeds and bushes fail to produce a continuous growth of luscious grass," said H. B. Vineyard, Work Unit Leader of the Hope Unit, Terre Rouge-Budcaw Soil Conservation District.

The Experiment Station of Angleton, Texas states that "mowing twice a year increased the produc-

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